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REGULATORY ALERT **Plan for Regulatory Review**

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Title: <i>Improving Our Regulations: A Preliminary Plan for Periodic Retrospective Reviews of Existing Regulations</i>	Date [Citation]: 24 May 2011 [White House, Regulatory Reform]
Rulemaking Type: Plan for Regulatory Review	Regulatory Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Summary:

On 24 May 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published [Improving Our Regulations: A Preliminary Plan for Periodic Retrospective Reviews of Existing Regulations](#) (Plan) as a response to [Executive Order 13563](#) (EO 13563), which called for each federal agency to develop a plan for reviewing regulations to evaluate whether the regulations should be modified or simplified. EPA's draft plan includes specific activities to implement the following broad initiatives:

- Replace outdated paper reporting with electronic reporting
- Expand public disclosure of regulatory information and provide communities with information about the communities' environmental quality in a cost-effective and efficient manner
- Reduce pollution by improving compliance with EPA regulations in ways that are more effective and efficient while reducing burden
- Use systems approaches and integrated problem-solving strategies to accelerate pollution prevention

EPA intends to conduct reviews every 5 years, with priorities determined by the following:

- Comments gathered from the public, other federal agencies, and EPA experts
- Expertise of the EPA offices writing the regulations
- Priorities of the day, such as judicial rulings and emergencies
- Principles and directives of EO 13563
- Agency resource availability

Regulations for Review

The Plan lists 31 regulatory reviews for this initial review period. Sixteen are actions that are expected to have a change in regulation during 2011, while the other 15 are longer-term actions.

The 16 short-term actions are as follows:

- Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program: considering new post-work requirements designed to ensure that cleaning meets clearance standards
- Vehicle fuel vapor recovery systems: eliminating redundancy
- Gasoline and diesel regulations: reducing reporting and recordkeeping
- Electronic online reporting of health and safety data under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and other laws: reducing burden and improving efficiencies
- National Priorities List rules: improving transparency
- Changes to some TSCA reporting requirements: reducing burden
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System: coordinating permit requirements and removing outdated requirements

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- Vehicle regulations: harmonizing requirements for the following:
 - Fuel economy labels
 - Greenhouse gas and fuel economy standards
 - Vehicle emission standards
 - Multiple air pollutants: coordinating emission reduction regulations and using innovative technologies
 - New Source Performance Standards reviews and revisions: setting priorities to ensure updates to outdated technologies
 - Regulatory certainty for farmers: working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and states
 - Sanitary sewer overflow and peak flow wet weather discharges: clarifying permitting requirements
 - Modern science and technology methods in the chemical regulation arena: reducing whole-animal testing, reducing costs and burdens, and improving efficiencies
 - Integrated pesticide registration reviews: reducing burden and improving efficiencies
 - Innovative technology: seeking to spur new markets and use technological innovations
 - Costs of regulations: improving cost estimates

The 15 longer-term actions are as follows:

- E-Manifest: reducing burden
- Electronic hazardous waste Site ID form: reducing burden
- Reporting requirements under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act: reducing burden
- Water quality trading: improving approaches
- Water quality standard regulations: simplifying and clarifying requirements
- State Implementation Plan process: reducing burden
- Clean Air Act Title V Permit programs: simplifying and clarifying requirements
- National primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper: simplifying and clarifying requirements
- Adjusting threshold planning quantities for solids in solution: reducing burden and relying on scientific objectivity
- Certification of pesticide applicators: eliminating uncertainties and improving efficiencies
- Polychlorinated biphenyl reforms: improving efficiencies and effectiveness
- Contaminants under the Safe Drinking Water Act: coordinating regulatory requirements
- Section 610 reviews: coordinating requirements
- Consumer confidence reports for primary drinking water regulations: providing for the open exchange of information
- Export notification for chemicals and pesticides: reducing burden and improving efficiencies

The Plan also describes the public involvement process during the development of the plan and EPA's plans for future reviews.

Other Preliminary Plans for Retrospective Review that have been developed in response to EO 13563 that might be of interest to NASA include the following:

- [U.S. Department of Energy](#)
- [U.S. Department of Labor](#)
- [Advisory Council of Historic Preservation](#)
- [Council on Environmental Quality](#)
- [National Aeronautics and Space Administration](#)

All plans that were developed are located on the White House [website](#).

Potential Impacts to NASA:

There is no immediate impact to NASA by the publishing of this Plan. As regulations are reviewed and amendments are proposed, RRAC will assess the impact of those changes to NASA at that time.

Additional Information: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/21stcenturygov/actions/21st-century-regulatory-system>
